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PENDING CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a controller that, when operably coupled to a light source emitting light at a selectively variable output power, determines an output power for emitted light based upon measurements of one or more of: forward voltage and current across the light source, ambient temperature around the light source, and a factor specific to mounting of the light source, wherein the forward voltage is employed to determine a forward current through the light source.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the output power is determined based further upon the forward current.
- 3. (Original) The system according to claim 2, wherein the forward current is measured, calculated or determined from a look-up table.
- 4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the forward voltage is employed to determine a die temperature for the light source, and wherein the output power is determined based further upon the die temperature.

- 5. (Original) The system according to claim 4, wherein the die temperature is calculated or determined from a look-up table.
- 6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the output power is determined without measurement of emitted light.
- 7. (Original) An optical subassembly including the system according to claim 1, the optical subassembly further comprising the light source and adapted for transmission of data over an optical transmission medium.
- 8. (Original) A computer including the optical subassembly according to claim 7, the computer further comprising:
 - a processor coupled to the controller; and
 - a network connection through the optical subassembly to the optical transmission medium.

- 9. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
- employing a forward voltage to determine a forward current through a light source; and determining an output power for light emitted from the light source emitting light at a selectively variable output power, wherein the determination of the output power is based upon measurements of one or more of: forward voltage and current across the light source, ambient temperature around the light source, and a factor specific to mounting of the light source.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, further comprising: determining the output power based further upon the forward current.
- 11. (Original) The method according to claim 10, further comprising:
 measuring the forward current;
 calculating the forward current; or
 determining the forward current from a look-up table.
- 12. (Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:
 employing the forward voltage to determine a die temperature for the light source; and
 determining the output power based further upon the die temperature.

- 13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising: calculating the die temperature; or determining the die temperature from a look-up table.
- 14. (Original) The method according to claim 9, further comprising: determining the output power without measurement of emitted light.
- 15. (Previously Presented) An optical subassembly comprising:a light source emitting light at a selectively variable output power; and

a controller that, when operably coupled to the light source, determines an output power for emitted light based upon measurements of one or more of: forward voltage and current across the light source, ambient temperature around the light source, and a factor specific to mounting of the light source, wherein the forward voltage is employed to determine one or both of a forward current through the light source and a die temperature for the light source.

- 16. (Original) The optical subassembly according to claim 15, further comprising:
- a temperature sensor proximate to the light source and coupled to the controller, the temperature sensor providing measurements of the ambient temperature for use by the controller.

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- 17. (Original) The optical subassembly according to claim 16, wherein the controller further comprises:
 - a voltage detector providing measurements of the forward voltage to the controller.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The optical subassembly according to claim 17, wherein the output power is determined based further upon one or both of the forward current and the die temperature.
- 19. (Original) The optical subassembly according to claim 18, further comprising:

 a memory communicably coupled to the controller, the memory containing one or both of
 a look-up table for the forward current and a look-up table for the die temperature.
- 20. (Original) The optical subassembly according to claim 19, wherein the output power is determined without measurement of emitted light emitted by the light source.